

Exceptional Pupils Kindergarten through 12th Grade Endorsement for Generalist Resource Room

To qualify for the generalist resource room endorsement (which allows you to teach specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, health impairments, orthopedic impairments, or traumatic brain injuries), a person *must*:

1. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the education of pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, health impairments, orthopedic impairments, or traumatic brain injuries and have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching, equivalent field experience, or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in special education; **OR**
2. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree **AND**
 - A. Have completed 8 semester credits of student teaching of pupils who have learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, health impairments, orthopedic impairments, or traumatic brain injuries, equivalent field experience with such pupils or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; **AND**
 - B. Have completed 30 semester credits of course work to include each of the following areas:
 - I. Human growth and development
 - II. Educational psychology
 - III. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities
 - IV. The characteristics of pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, health impairments, orthopedic impairments, or traumatic brain injuries
 - V. Assessment of pupils who have disabilities
 - VI. Behavior management
 - VII. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities
 - VIII. Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, intellectual disabilities, health impairments, orthopedic impairments, or traumatic brain injuries
 - IX. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment, and living independently as an adult
 - X. Two (2) courses in the methods and materials of teaching reading or mathematics.

NOTE: Some colleges/universities combine subject matter into one course. We will accept one course that encompasses two areas listed above if the course was specifically designed to fulfill more than one area and is a minimum of three (3) semester credits; however, the allowance will only be made once.